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Tifereth Israel Congregants Gather Ahead of Funeral to Mourn Volunteer Extraordinaire Phil Lorang

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Formal funeral services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. at El Camino Memorial Park. More than 100 people gathered informally Sunday in the social hall of Tifereth Israel Synagogue to share

their memories for more than an hour. Here's a partial summary of what was said about Phil in a session moderated by Rabbi Hanan Leberman, who described him as "a role model of kindness and chesed." [Donald H. Harrison]

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'The Stamp Thief' Documentary Screened at Temple Adat Shalom

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As I watched the audience, I noticed that no one moved—everyone was completely captivated. The film evoked every emotion imaginable:

sadness, anticipation, and yes, even laughter—something rarely experienced when viewing stories connected to the Holocaust. [Sandra Scheller]

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Indonesia's Bar of Israeli Gymnasts Recalls 1936 Tragedy of Gretel Bergmann

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This crushing blow meted out to the young Israeli gymnasts who trained round the clock, often missing family events, parties, and even a good night's sleep, resonates with me for a very personal

reason. [Amy Neustein, Ph.D.]

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LFJCC Programs Recordings and Anecdotes about Great Jewish Cellists

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On Thursday, Oct. 30, from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Astor Judaica Library of the Lawrence Family JCC, I will present "Great Jewish Cellists," a program of recorded music featuring 13 of the greatest performers on that instrument... {Eileen Wingard]

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A Shabbat Celebration with Members of La Vid Church and 3 Israeli Soldiers

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We arrived in the late afternoon to set up and warm the home-cooked meal we had prepared. As we entered the lush, plant-filled garden, we were greeted by Hebrew music and Israeli flags draped along the greenery and up the tiered retaining wall. What a welcome! [Betsy Lynch]

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Hispanic Heritage Month Includes Many Jews

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Mexico has had a Jewish population since the early Colonial Era. Many individuals could not openly worship as they would be persecuted for practicing Judaism. Mexico eventually adopted freedom of religion and began receiving Jewish refugees fleeing the Nazis. [Cailin Acosta]

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